and Chemicals Limited, Gadepan (Phase-II) Rajasthan and Oswal Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited, Paradeep, Orissa are expected to be commissioned by 2000 at the cost of Rs. 1256 crore and Rs. 1830 crore respectively. Funding of the project is the concern of the promoters.

उर्वरक क्षेत्र में निर्यातोन्मुख उद्योग

1871. **श्री: चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने उर्वरक क्षेत्र में शत-प्रतिशत निर्यातोन्मुख उद्योगों और संयुक्त उद्यमों की स्थापना करने के लिए 91 परियोजनाएं/प्रस्ताव अनुमोदित कर दिए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं में कुल कितना निवेश किया गया है तथा उनमें विदेशी निवेश का अंश कितना है; और

(घ) उक्त एककों के कहां-कहां स्थापित किए जाने की संभावना है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० ए० के० पटेल): (क) भारत में सरकार ने उर्वरक क्षेत्र में किसी 100% निर्यातोन्मुख उद्योग/संयुक्त उद्यम का अनुमोदन नहीं किया है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Demand of drug manufactures association for less excise

1872. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Drug Manufacturers' Association has made demand for more customs and less excise duties; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to boost research and development in the bulk drug industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) yes, some drug Manufacturers' Association had made proposals whereby they had asked that no further reduction in customs duty should be there, and simultaneously had asked for reduction in Central Excise Duty.

(b) As announced by the Union Minister of Finance while laying the Budget Proposals for the year 1999-2000 in the Lok Sabha, a high level Committee is being constituted by the Department to look into pharmaceutical R&D related issues.

Requirement of fertilizer and urea in the country

1873. SHRI O.P. KOHLI:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of fertilizers and urea in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the total quantum of urea and other fertilizers met from the domestic supply;

(c) the estimated imports of urea and other fertilizers, country-wise, proposed to be made during the current year to meet the requirement;

(d) the estimated foreign exchange to be spent; and

(d) the total value of imported urea and fertilizers during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) State-wise requirement of fertilizers in nutrient (NPK) terms and that of urea during 1998-99 are given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(b) The entire requirement of potash is met through imports, as there are no known commercially exploitable reserves of potash in the country. The estimated consumption of urea and other fertilizers in nutrient terms and that available from